

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014080697

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND CONTINUING
MEDIATION, PREHEARING
CONFERENCE, AND DUE PROCESS
HEARING DATES

On September 8, 2014, a telephonic prehearing conference was held before Administrative Law Judge Elsa H. Jones, Office of Administrative Hearings. Jabari A. Willis, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Lennox School District (District). There was no appearance on behalf of Student and Parent (collectively, Student). The ALJ called Student's counsel of record in an attempt to obtain his participation in the PHC, but Student's counsel did not answer the telephone. The ALJ left a voicemail message explaining that the PHC would proceed. The PHC was recorded.

Based on discussion with counsel for District, who advised the ALJ that the parties had executed a joint request for continuance that was in the process of being filed with OAH, the ALJ issues the following Order:

1. Hearing Dates, Times, and Location. The hearing is continued on joint motion of the parties, for good cause shown, and shall take place on October 29, 2014, through October 30, 2014, and continuing day to day thereafter, Monday through Thursday as needed, at the discretion of the ALJ. Unless otherwise ordered, the hearing shall begin at 9:30 a.m. on October 29, 2014, and at 9:00 a.m. on all other days.

The hearing shall take place at the District's offices located at 10319 S. Firmona Avenue, Lennox, California 90304.

The parties shall immediately notify all potential witnesses of the hearing dates, and shall subpoena witnesses if necessary, to ensure that the witnesses will be available to testify. A witness will not be regarded as unavailable for purposes of showing "good cause" to continue the hearing if the witness was not properly notified of the hearing date or properly subpoenaed, as applicable.

2. Continued PHC. The PHC is continued to October 20, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. OAH shall initiate the conference call. In preparation for the continued PHC and hearing, the parties shall comply with the Scheduling Order issued in this matter on August 22, 2014, including, but not limited to, the timely filing of PHC Statements.

3. Mediation. The Mediation shall be held on October 16, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

4. Settlement. The parties are encouraged to continue working together to reach an agreement before the due process hearing. The parties shall inform OAH in writing immediately should they reach a settlement or otherwise resolve the dispute before the scheduled hearing. In addition, if a settlement is reached within five days of the scheduled start of the due process hearing, the parties shall also inform OAH of the settlement by telephone at (916) 263-0880.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: September 9, 2014

/s/

ELSA H. JONES
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings